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The SPECTATOR.

Invidiam placare paras virtute relicta? Hor.

Wednesday, April 9. 1712.

MR. SPECTATOR,

'Have not seen you lately at any of the 'Places where I visit, so that I am afraid 'you are wholly unacquainted with what 'passes among my part of the World, who tho' I say it, without Controversy, the most ompliſhed and beſt bred of the Town. Give Leave to tell you, that I am extremely diſpoſed when I hear Scandal, and am an utter my to all manner of Detraction, and think it greateſt Meanneſs that People of Diſtinction be guilty of: However, it is hardly poſſible ome into Company, where you do not find pulling one another to pieces, and that from other Provocation but that of hearing any one mended. Merit, both as to Wit and Beauty, ecome no other than the Poſſeſſion of a few ing People's Favour, which you cannot poſſi- arrive at, if you have really any thing in you is deſerving. What they would bring to is, to make all Good and Evil conſiſt in Re- , and with Whiſpers, Calumnies and Imper- cies, to have the Conduct of thoſe Reports. this means Innocents are blaſted upon their Appearance in Town; and there is nothing required to make a young Woman the Ob- of Envy and Hatred, than to deſerve Love Admiration. This abominable Endeavour to ceſs or leſſen every thing that is Praiſe-wor- , is as frequent among the Men as the Wo- . If I can remember what paſſed at a Viſit Night, it will ſerve as an Inſtance that the are equally inclined to Defamation, with e- Malice, with equal Impotence. *Jack Triplett* e into my Lady *Airye*'s about Eight of k: You know the manner we ſit at a Viſit, I need not deſcribe the Circle; but Mr. *Trip-* came in, introduced by two Tapers ſupported ſpruce Servant, whoſe Hair is under a Cap till Lady's Candles are all lighted up, and the of Ceremony begins: I ſay *Jack Tripplett* in, and ſinging (for he is really good pany) *Every Feature, charming Creature*; went on, *It is a moſt unreaſonable thing, that cannot go peaceably to ſee their Friends, theſe Murderers are let looſe. Such a Shape! Air! what a Glance was that as her paſſed by mine*--- My Lady herſelf interupted him; *Pray who is this fine thing---- I warrant*, ſays another, *'tis the Creature I was telling your Ladyſhip of juſt now. You were telling of?* ſays *Jack*; *I wiſh I had been ſo happy as to have come in and heard you, for I have not Words to ſay what ſhe is*: But if an agreeable Height, a modeſt Air, a Virgin Shame, and Impatience of being beheld, amidſt a Blaze of ten thouſand Charms--- The whole Room flew out----- Oh Mr. *Triplett*! ----- When Mrs. *Lofty*, a known Prude, ſaid ſhe believed ſhe knew whom the Gentleman meant; but ſhe was indeed, as he civilly repreſented her, impatient of being beheld---- Then turning to the Lady next to her---- *The moſt unbred Creature you ever ſaw.* Another purſued the Diſcourſe: As unbred, Madam, as you may think her, ſhe is extremely belyed if ſhe is the Novice ſhe appears. She was laſt Week at a Ball till Two in the Morning; Mr. *Triplett knows whether he was the happy Man that took Care of her Home*; *but*------- This was followed by ſome particular Exception that each Woman in the Room made to ſome peculiar Grace or Advantage; ſo that Mr. *Triplett* was beaten from one Limb and Feature to another, till he was forced to reſign the whole Woman. In the End, I took Notice *Triplett* recorded all this Malice in his Heart; and ſaw in his Countenance, and a certain waggiſh Shrug, that he deſigned to repeat the Converſation. I therefore let the Diſcourſe die, and ſoon after took an Occaſion to commend a certain Gentleman of my Acquainrance for a Perſon of ſingular Modeſty, Courage, Integrity, and withal as a Man of an entertaining Converſation, to which Advantages he had a Shape and Manner peculiarly graceful. Mr. *Triplett*, who is a Woman's Man, ſeemed to hear me with Patience enough commend the Qualities of his Mind: He never heard indeed but that he was a very honeſt Man and no Fool, but for a fine Gentleman he muſt aſk Pardon. Upon no other Foundation than this, Mr. *Triplett* took Occaſion to give the Gentleman's Pedigree, by what Methods ſome Part of the Eſtate was acquired, how much it was beholden to a Marriage for the preſent Circumſtances of it: After all, he could ſee nothing but a common Man in his Perſon, his Breeding, or Underſtanding.

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'Thus, Mr. SPECTATOR, this impertinent Humour of diminishing every one who is produced in Converſation to their Advantage, runs through the World; and I am, I confeſs, ſo fearful of the Force of ill Tongues, that I have begged of all thoſe who are my Well-wiſhers never to commend me, for it will but bring my Frailties into Examination, and I had rather be unobſerved, than conſpicuous for diſputed Perfections. I am confident a thouſand young People who would have been Ornaments to Society, have, from Fear of Scandal, never dared to exert themſelves in the polite Arts of Life. Their Lives have paſſed away in an odious Ruſticity, in ſpite of great Advantages of Perſon, Genius, and Fortune. There is a vicious Terrour of being blamed in ſome well inclined People, and a wicked Pleaſure in ſuppreſſing them in others; both which I recommend to your Spectatorial Wiſdom to animadvert upon; and if you can be ſucceſsful in it, I need not ſay how much you will deſerve of the Town, but new Toaſts will owe to you their Beauty, and new Wits their Fame. I am,

SIR,

Your moſt Obedient.

Humble Servant,

Mary

At the particular Deſire of ſeveral Ladies of Quality. By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow being Thurſday the 10th of April, will be preſented a Play call'd, The Spaniſh Fryar; or, the Double Diſcovery. To which will be added a Farce of one Act only, called, The Country-Wake. By her Majeſty's Command no Perſons to be admitted behind the Scenes.

The famous Poſture-Maſter being returned from Cambridge, performs as uſual.

At the Duke of Marlborough's Head in Fleet-ſtreet, in the great Room, is to be ſeen the famous Poſture-Maſter of Europe, who far exceeds the deceaſed Poſture-Maſter Clarke and Higgins: He extends his Body into all deformed Shapes; makes his Hip and Shoulder Bones meet together; lays his Head upon the Ground, and turns his Body round twice or thrice, without ſtirring his Face from the Place; ſtands upon one Leg, and extends the other in a perpendicular Line half a Yard above his Head; and extends his Body from a Table, with his Head a Foot below his Heels, having nothing to ballance his Body but his Feet: With ſeveral other Poſtures too tedious to mention. Likewiſe a Child about 9 Years of Age, that ſhews ſuch Poſtures as never was ſeen performed by one of his Age. Alſo the famous Engliſh Artiſt, who turns his Balls into living Birds; and takes an empty Bag, which after being turned, rub'd, and ſtamp'd on, produces ſome Hundred of Eggs, and at laſt a living Hen. Side Boxes 2 s. Pit 1 s. To be perform'd at 7 a Clock this Evening, and to continue every Evening at the ſame Hour till Eaſter.

Loſt or Stole from a Lady's Side upon the Stairs coming down from Whitehall Chappel on Sunday Morning the 6th of April, a Gold Watch-Caſe, with a double Coat of Arms engraved on the Back-ſide, viz. Three Scollop Shells, and a Croſs with Stars. Whoever brings the ſame to Mr. Lowfield's, Mercer, at the Wheat-Sheaf and Star upon Ludgate-hill, ſhall have 2 Guineas Reward, and no Queſtions aſked.

A ſmall Diſtance from Mr. Lamb's Houſe at Eaſt-Afton, is to be Lett, a good Houſe of 4 Rooms of a Floor, with Coach-houſe, Stables, Garden, and Orchard, with ſeveral other Conveniences, all in very good Repair. Inquire at Mr. Lamb's as above, or at his Houſe in Lombard-ſtreet.

William Luce of London, Linnen-draper, having lately let his Shop at the three Nuns and Hare in Cheapſide, thinks fit to let his Acquaintance and others know, that he is removed to his Warehouſe in Gutter-lane the firſt Houſe on the Right-hand, which ſaid Warehouſe adjoins to the ſaid Shop, and is three Doors from the three Nuns and Hare: who hath by him a very large Quantity of all Sorts of Hollands, and abundance of them very fine for Shirting, &c. Alſo a large Quantity of Hollands above one Ell broad, very fine, for Shirting; a very large Quantity of very fine plain Cambrick and Lawns, they being of his own Importation from Holland. Alſo ſuperfine plain and ſtrip'd Muſlins, ſuperfine Bohee and Green Tea, &c. And deſigns to open his Warehouſe on Thurſday the 17th of this Inſtant April, in order to diſpoſe of them; and whoever will give themſelves the Trouble to view the ſame, ſhall find ſuch Incouragement, that he doubts not but for the future to pleaſe them.

Brooke and Hellier having effectually diſcover and prevented the Abuſes in the Portugal Wine-Trade, by ſending the Wines of their own Importation, and being deſirous to do ſame in the Florence Wine-Trade; in which, the corrupt Practiſes affect the Wines before Importation as well as afterwards, hereby give Notice, That they have ſettled a Correſpondence with one of the principal Proprietors of the beſt Chianti Vineyards, in order to be conſtantly ſupplied with true Florence Wine of the beſt Quality as a Specimen whereof, they have juſt landed a Cargoe of the ſaid Wines, without any of the uſual Mixtures ſo commonly practiſed at Leghorne; and which cauſes much more Wine to come home under the Name of Florence, than is the natural Product of that Place. The above ſaid Wine is ſold at all their Taverns and Cellars, at 2 s. 6 d. per Quart, 9 s. per ſingle Gallon, and after the Rate of 8 s. per Gallon for no leſs Quantity than 30 Gallons.

Note, Their Now-Ports, juſt landed, being the only New Wine in Merchants Hands, and above one Half of all that is in Lon will begin to be ſold, at the old Prices, the 12th Inſtant, at all Taverns and Cellars; but their natural Rota Tent is ſold only St. James's-Market-houſe at 3 s. 6 d. per Quart, without any ment for a larger Quantity.

In a Cellar under Mr. Hanborow's in Buckle Bury near Cheapſide, is continued to be ſold by Retale a Parc choice old French Brandy, of a curious Taſte and Flavour, imported from North-Britain, at 10 s. per Gallon. Any Perſ king 10 Gallons or upwards, ſhall have it for 9 s. 6 d. Th likewiſe in the ſame Cellar to be ſold by Retale, a Parcel of red Galicia Wines of laſt Years Growth, neat as they came fro Grape, at 4 s. per Gallon.

The Gentlewoman who liv'd 20 Years in Ra Court, and 7 Years in Crane Court, Fleet-ſtreet, and ha of the Quality in England, Scotland and Ireland, alſo the Eaſt Weſt Indies, with the moſt excellent Curiofities for preſervi Face, Hands and Teeth, in preſent Beauty; for colouring red or Hair to a lovely brown or black, a Coſmatick that certainly ta way the Spots and Marks remaining after the Small Pox, with other rare Secrets in Phyſick, is now removed to her own Hou upper End of Wine-Office-Court in Gough Square next Door t Sun dial on the Left-hand, where you may be furniſhed wi things as formerly, and all prepared with her own Hands. She be ſpoken with every Day from 9 to 12, and from 2 till 8 at Night. has a Houſe in Lawrence-ſtreet near the Church in Chelſea to l or ſold, of 4 Rooms and 2 large Dreſſing-rooms on a Floor; Garden in good Order well planted with Wall-fruit and Gre other Fruit-trees, a good Kitchin, Waſh-houſe and Brew and all other Offices fit for a Family. Enquire at Mrs. Wa againſt the Croſs-Keys in Chelſea, or at her Houſe in Wine Court as above directed.

Continued to be ſold a few Days longer. All ſ of Hoſiers Goods, at the Queen's Head and Golden Fleece gainſt Exeter Exchange in the Strand, a large Stock of choice Goods, viz. of Stockins, Bayſes, Flannels, &c. The Hou Shop being lett, the Stock will be ſold off under Prime Cost, by Wholeſale or Retale.

Juſt publiſhed,

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